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ALANA ROSS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ALETHEA REBMAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ALEVIZOS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ALEX RESS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ALEXANDRA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ALEXANDRIA GUTMANIS-	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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AMANDA LIPPERT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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AMY KIMURA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
AMY PERRUSO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
AMY TSUNYOSHI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANA CURRIE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANDREA BROWER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANDREA GALVIN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANDREA KAWABATA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANDREA SLEVIN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANDREW BISCH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANDREW HOOD	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANDREW PENDLETON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANDY ROTH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANE TAKAHA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANGELA BREENE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANGELA HUNTEMER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANITA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANN EVANS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANN KOBASA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANN MELLO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANN S FREED	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANN STRONG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANNA KAHAEKULU	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANNE DENDEL BRASHER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE

ANNE MILLER	INDIVIDUAL	COMMENTS
ANNIE MORIYASU	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANOTNIO QUERUBIN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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ARIA JULIET CASTILLO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ARIANE WOODWARD-	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ARIANNA FEINBERG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ARIKA MURPHY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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ARVID TADAO YOUNGQUIST	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
ASHINA ASHINA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ASHLEY WILCOX	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
AUTUMN NESS.	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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AVI ORKIN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BARBARA BARRY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BARBARA IANNONE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BARBARA L GEORGE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BARBARA LOCICCHIO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BARBARA RILEY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BARRETT WOLFE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BARRY SATO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BEN HAMBRIGHT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BEPIE SHAPIRO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BERNARD BERGER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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BETH WEBB	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BETSY MORGAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BETTY L BODLAK	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BEV BRODY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BEVERLEY BRAND	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BILL COLLINS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BILL PROVOST	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BILL SAGER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BILL SMITH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BLAKE MCELHENY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BOB BEAUDRY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BOB BRENNER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BOB KERN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BOB MIYASATO	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
BOB RESS	INDIVIDUAL	COMMENTS
BOBBIE BECKER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE

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BONNIE MARSH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BRAD EDWARDS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BRAD PARSONS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BRANT HI'IKUA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BRENDAN STEVENS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BRENNAN TAKAYAM	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BRIAN EMMONS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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BRUCE KIM	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
BRUCE WATSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BRYAN KUWADA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BRYCE BOEDER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BRYSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
C KAUI LUCAS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
C SPELLMAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CALLEY ONEILL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CAMILLE BARNETT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CAREY LILLIS TINSLEY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CARL A CARLSON JR	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
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CARL CAMPAGNA	INDIVIDUAL	COMMENTS
CARL IMPARATO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CARL MARTIN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CARL VASCONCELLOS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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CARLY QUISENBERRY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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CARMELA NONEZA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CARMEN LYMAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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CAROLYN BELL-TUTTLE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CAROLYN BLAKE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CAROLYN P MACHADO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CAROLYN WEYGAN-	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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CATHY M LOWDER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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CHAD MORIKAWA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHAI BLAIR-STAHN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHARLES K BURROWS	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
CHARLES M KAAIAI	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
CHARLES NELSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHARLES PRENTISS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHARLES REPPUN	INDIVIDUAL	COMMENTS
CHARLIE OSBORN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHARLOTTE LIDDELL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHELSEA MALEFYT	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
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CHERYL REESER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHERYL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRIS CLARK	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRIS EVANS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRIS MENTZEL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRISTINA D MORGAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRISTINA GAINES	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRISTINA JENNINGS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRISTINE COOK	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRISTINE DAVIS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRISTINE TRECKER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRISTINE WEGER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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CHRISTOPHER RENWICK	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRISTOPHER WARREN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CINDY WILLIAMS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CLARE LOPRINZI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CLARENCE CHING	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CLARICE SCHAFER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CLAUDIA HERFURT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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CLEVE TREVENEN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
COLLEEN HAVILAND	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CONSTANCE KEOAHUNUI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
COREEN WILLIAMS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
COREY ASANO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CORINE CHING	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CORY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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CRAIG TANAKA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CRISTINA BACCHILEGA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CURT KIRIU	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
CYNTHIA FRITH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CYNTHIA HATHAWAY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CYNTHIA RUBINSTEIN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
D CHANG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
D LACOBUCCI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DALE ADAMS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DALE B BONAR	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DAN GARDNER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DAN MARKS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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DANA KEAWE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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Subject: Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 5:38:21 PM

GM514

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A Kathleen Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Legislators of the Great State of Hawai'i, Please consider the immense feedback you are getting to oppose the good Governor Ige's appointment of Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR. This is NOT in the interests of we, your constituents, who have been apprised of Mr. Ching's connections to well-funded chemical companies that create a conflict of interest and hurt the functioning of this important division of State Government. Mahalo for your reasonable consideration of our objections and the basis by which they are made. Me ka pono kakou, April Lee, born and living in the best State in the US

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam Carlson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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To Whom It May Concern: I am definitely against this ridiculous measure.

Adelaide Emura
Kauai

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aiko Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm sure Mr. Ching is a good man and good businessman, but an excellent businessman is the wrong type of man for this specific job. We need someone thinking about the long-term future of our islands and ocean. A future well beyond all our lifetimes and profit margins and market trends. Someone who doesn't center humans and human values but can navigate a system that we just play a humble part in. We need someone with a 200-year work plan. Thank you.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Crammatte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a Board Member of the Building Industry Association (BIA) Mr. Chings fiduciary responsibility is to support the interests of: developers, general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, Realtors, architects and financial institutions. This is not the person we want to be in charge of the DNLR whose mission is to: Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei.

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From: [Alan Shintani](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Your Support is Needed on GM 514, Confirmation Hearing for Carleton Ching
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 5:00:02 PM

Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

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The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

I personally know and have worked with Carlton in the past. He is an honest person and a very hard worker who is right for this job.

Sincerely,

Alan Shintani
1527 Onipaa St
Honolulu, HI 96819

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alana Ortiz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/25/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
AlanaRoss	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please look at finding someone that is passionate about protecting the resources of Hawaii. This may not be a politician per day but someone with a huge heart that wants Hawaii to be Pristine for generations to come. We need someone that cares about the health of the islands more then the wealth of a few. Please consider someone else for this position. Because of the political ties this man has, he is clearly not the right choice. Please don't be swayed to by yet another politician to destroy Hawaii. We need to consider the future and not just live for today! Thank you.

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From: [Alethea Rebman](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Cc: [Sen. Les Ihara, Jr.](#)
Subject: GM514 - opposition to Carlton Ching as head of DLNR
Date: Thursday, March 05, 2015 8:40:49 AM

Dear Chair & Committee,

Having written twice directly to my senator Mr. Galuteria on this issue and having received no acknowledgment, I submit my testimony directly to you in opposition to Carlton Ching as the head of DLNR.

Mr. Ching is woefully unqualified for the position. In addition, he has devoted his life and heart to promoting development and undermining regulation, while the head of DLNR is in charge of enforcing regulations, making all of the comparisons to a fox guarding the henhouse very appropriate.

Thank you for considering this citizen's testimony.

Yours truly,
Alethea Rebman

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alevizos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination because Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest. Thank you

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From: [Alex Ress](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Please Oppose Carleton Ching to head DLNR
Date: Thursday, March 05, 2015 9:24:57 PM

Thank you for your time to consider my testimony.

Please do not allow Carleton Ching to be appointed to head the DLNR. His nomination to a position meant to protect our natural resources for the future is a sad irony.

Sincerely,
Alex Ress
Kailua, HI 96734

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexandra Bernstein	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching is not qualified in terms of prioritizing the aina. He also has a conflict of interest.

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Alexandria Gutmanis-Burian	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
alicia morrier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 10:34:05 AM

I am opposed to Carlton Ching to DLNR he is TOTALLY unqualified.

Allan Rachap
Koloa HI

From: [Allen Giles](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
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Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/9/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allison Baird	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carlton Ching to lead the DLNR. Mr. Ching's career has been spent advancing the cause of developers, which I perceive to be counter to the mission of the DLNR. Preservation of our state's world-famous natural resources is important for the health and well-being of our citizens AND our economy. While environmentally responsible development is within the purview of the DLNR, I believe that preservation of our natural resources (and public access to them) is the key responsibility of the agency. Mr. Ching has not shown adequate knowledge or experience with resource preservation to overcome my misgivings about his work experience. Please DO NOT confirm Mr. Ching for this position.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alvin Westcott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR!! He is not qualified for this position and has a MAJOR conflict of interest!! This nomination is a complete slap in the face to all of us who care about our 'aina!!

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amanda Lippert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is not qualified to chair DLNR. He also has a conflict of interests and will not be impartial.

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Amy Decker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amy kimura	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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1) I oppose confirming Carleton Ching as DLNR head. It has nothing to do with his intelligence or administrative ability or other qualifications.

2) He has a very strong conflict of interest. His background, colleagues, and the positions he will be returning to on leaving the DLNR are strongly pro-development. That's fine when he lobbies for Castle and Cooke or some other developer.

3) However, the DLNR (and the Land Use Commission) should represent the public, the ordinary citizens, not private developers.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Perruso	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Tsuneyoshi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senators, I urge you to reject Governor Ige's nomination of Carleton Ching for the chairperson position of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR has made great strides under Chairperson Aila's administration. It would be a great disservice to the State and Hawaii's precious resources, which DLNR are tasked to protect by having someone that doesn't have sufficient knowledge to manage and protect Hawaii's natural, cultural and historic resources. I fear that the forested areas that replenish our groundwater aquifers and the support for invasive species control and watershed protection will be in jeopardy while increased development puts a strain on our limited resources. The mission statement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources as stated on the DLNR website is to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors." As you know, DLNR needs a chairperson that has experience with environmental and natural resource management, and is capable to be a champion for Hawaii's precious natural, cultural, and historic resources and encourage regenerative practices to ensure these resources are around for future generations. Please keep the DLNR mission statement in mind as you vote against Governor Ige's nominee for the DLNR chairperson position. Respectfully, Amy Tsuneyoshi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ana Currie	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to chair the DLNR. He is not qualified in any way for this position.

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Subject: I Oppose to GM514, Nomination of Ching to DLNR
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With respect for Mr. Ching as a person, I strongly oppose this appointment due to clear conflict of interest in managing Hawaii's natural resources. While it has become strangely acceptable today, we must still question the course we set when we allow those who work for an industry to then become those who regulate it.

Thank you,
Andrea Brower, Kauai resident

From: [Andrea Galvin](#)
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Subject: HI State Legislature GM514 / Online Testimony
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Aloha,

I'd like to submit online testimony that I am not in favor of confirming Carleton Ching as the Chair of DLNR due to his career as a developer lobbyist. His work history seems a clear conflict of interest to the mission statement of the DLNR to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors."

Mahalo for your time and consideration in reviewing this testimony.

- **Email:** WTLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Andrea Kawabata	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: silverslev@cox.net
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: "In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR"
Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 12:51:26 PM

To whom it may concern,

Mr. Ching does not simply work for one of Hawaii's largest real estate developers but his professional career has to a great extent been focused on actively working to eliminate or weaken regulations intended to protect all that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is supposed to manage and protect.

His job at many levels over the past decade is/was to influence changes in public policy to increase the profitability of development interests via the diminishment of environmental, health, cultural and public land protections.

As a Board Member of the Building Industry Association (BIA) Mr. Ching's fiduciary responsibility is to support the interests of: developers, general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, Realtors, architects and financial institutions.

An even more alarming indication of the deep seated bias in support of development and opposed to environmental protections is his role as Vice President at LURF. LURF's mission is to "promote and advance the interests of the development community, particularly in the areas of land use laws and regulations."

The mission statement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is to: "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors."

I do not believe that Mr. Carleton Ching is able to uphold the mission of the DLNR in any way, shape or form. He is NOT the right person for this most important job.

I ask you to please NOT NOMINATE MR. CARLETON CHING to this position, but rather choose someone that will actually work to keep the mission of the DLNR.

Thank you very much for this consideration.

Sincerely,
Andrea Slevin
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
andrew bisch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: "I OPPOSE the confirmation of Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair. It is nearly impossible to imagine a worse candidate than Mr. Ching: he has a track record of fighting for unrestricted development and he has shown an astounding ignorance of the major issues that DLNR faces. Governor Ige has made a huge mistake in appointing Mr. Ching, please do not make the same mistake. Listen to the people of Hawaii and DO NOT CONFIRM Carleton Ching."

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Hood	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I urge our legislatures to vote against confirming C Ching as Director of DLNR, and I oppose the selection of his deputy Director. Neither candidate possesses the skill set and knowledge necessary to manage the DLNR.

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Aloha,

Please consider the 'Aina deserves more respect and representation than perhaps Carleton Ching, an ex-Castle and Cooke lobbyist, VP for the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) and Board Member for the Building Industry Association (BIA) will provide.

Again and again the beauty of the Hawaiian Islands is diminishing, why not nominate a candidate with a more balanced perspective for finding a middle path between development and zero growth.

Mahalo, Andrew

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andy roth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe this candidate to be unqualified and possessing a conflict of interest.

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ane takaha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this appointment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Breene	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mahalo for opposing Carleton Ching's nomination to head the DLNR. He is blatantly unqualified for the position and has a strong conflict of interest. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Aloha Senators, Perhaps by March 11th Mr.Ching's nomination will have been withdrawn due to the huge problem of appointing someone who is totally unqualified for one the most important positions in our islands. Not only is Mr.Ching unqualified, he has worked for years to undermine protection of our aina. The man has no background in natural resources, no clue about native and invasive species and would like to take a "look at the books" in an effort to "streamline" the DLNR! We need knowledgeable leadership and an advocate for protecting and enhancing our most valuable asset. DO NOT confirm Carlton Ching. Mahalo. Angela Huntemer M.Ed. North Shore O'ahu.

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anita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is the wrong person for this job for obvious reasons. His work is in direct conflict with this position.

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Ann Evans	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Kobsa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Carleton Ching is not qualified to head the DLNR. He is a businessman, developer, and lobbyist, not a resource manager. I do not trust him with our public lands. Please reject this nominee.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Mello	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to Carleton Ching's nomination to DLNR chair. I feel that he is unqualified, has a conflict of interest, and will not be willing/able to fulfill the requirements of the job nor the goal/mission of the DLNR.

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Ann S Freed	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Ann S. Freed

Community Activist

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2015
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229

STRONG OPPOSITION TO GM 514, CARLETON CHING TO HEAD DLNR

Aloha Chair Thielen and members,

I am Ann Freed, a member of Neighborhood Board 25 testifying for myself in opposition to this nominee.

Let me say that I have first-hand knowledge of Mr. Ching, the public face of Castle & Cooke, inasmuch as I was at every Land Use Commission hearing on the Koa Ridge Project and am a member of the Oahu Arts Center Board that was promised land to build an arts center in Mililani Mauka.

I am told by many people that I respect that Mr. Ching is a nice man. That may be. I do not know him personally or socially. What I do know, however, is that Mr. Ching represented Castle & Cooke aggressively against substantial community opposition to ram through the Koa Ridge project. Koa Ridge is a low density residential development that will pave over prime agricultural land, add a flood of traffic to the already over-burdened H1 and H2, as well as add more unmet demands on our over-burdened school system.

He represented their interests well by scaring the unions into thinking their jobs were on the line and getting them and the building trades to massively testify in support of the project. These fronts for the developer drowned out the large numbers of community members who had no relationship to developers or the building trades, i.e. no conflict of interest. As I testified then, I testify now that the short-term manini jobs that are at stake here do nothing for long-term job growth. Neither does this development address affordable housing or affordable rentals as the so-called required "affordable homes" follow a formula that makes them unaffordable to most of our island residents. In short, the planned single family homes create far more problems than they solve.

Then there is the matter of the Oahu Arts Center. When Castle & Cooke built Mililani Mauka, they showed prospective buyers a model of the community that included an Arts Center, something that would be vehicle for arts education and performance for the Central Oahu community. As a member of the OAC board, I discovered something that most people don't know, just because a developer promises to "build" schools, parks and arts centers, doesn't mean they are required to deliver. Since Oahu and our state have no concurrency laws requiring the fulfillment of infrastructure promises as a condition of permitting, a developers models and plans are not worth paper they are printed on. Carleton Ching was the face of Castle & Cooke when they reneged on turning land over to the nonprofit Oahu Arts Center as they had promised.

In addition I have discovered that in 2005 Carleton Ching, as director of community and governmental relations for Castle & Cooke Homes, (along with other developers) asked legislators to reduce or abolish the Land Use Commission. As Honolulu Advertiser's Gordon Pang reported, "Asked by one senator how long it should take to approve a housing development, Ching deadpanned, Just sign a document and tell us go...." While the Land Use Commission has never met a big project it didn't like, it is better to have this layer of protection than none at all. Apparently Mr. Ching doesn't agree.

I guess I should not be surprised that Carleton Ching is a Vice President of the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) which describes itself as "the only Hawaii based organization devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of the development community."

I could go on listing conflict of interest after conflict of interest, but these facts seem sufficient to demonstrate that this nominee is certainly not qualified to protect our aina from urban sprawl, massive traffic impacts, destruction of agricultural lands, pesticide run-off, loss of open space and all of the other issues that DLNR is mandated to address for the long and short term good of our precious islands.

Lastly, I am shocked that this Governor has put forth this inadvisable nomination and has apparently surrounded himself with developers and their surrogates. As stated by others, this smacks of the fox guarding the hen house. The situation does not bode well for the protection of our state's land and water resources and/or the growing inequality in access to housing.

Please do not consent to this nomination.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify,

Ann S. Freed
Mililani Resident

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Ann Strong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna Kahalekulu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching to chair DLNR. Ching's previous experience shows that he has a conflict of interest and that he lacks the necessary qualifications.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Dendel Brasher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to testify against the nomination of Carleton Ching to the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) and Water Commission (WC). As a professional (PhD) scientist, I have been conducting research on aquatic ecosystems for 20 years in Hawaii. Consequently, I have many opportunities to interact with DLNR, DAR, and the Water Commission. We need a person experienced with natural resources and the issues facing Hawaii. Carleton Ching is not this person. I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to head DLNR. I have had the opportunity to see his presentations, and he seems to have little grasp, experience, or understanding the important environmental issues that we are facing. For these reasons, I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching and urge you not to confirm his appointment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Miller	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members: I am aware that Carlton Ching did a great job for developers and was an adept proponent of development for a large part of his career. And he may be a good guy and a good friend of Gov. Ige. But I don't think any of those things qualifies him to run an agency which has a mission to protect and preserve Hawaii's natural resources. Thank you for your attention. Anne M. Miller

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Annie Moriyasu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose this nomination for all the reasons already stated

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Antonio Querubin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A person nominated for the DLNR Chair should have a history of showing, in both words and deeds, his care for the conservation and stewardship of the natural resources of our state to be seriously considered for the position. Carleton Ching's career as lobbyist for the development industry should disqualify him from consideration. This nomination is ill-advised. We can do better.

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Anthony B. Borge	Individual	Support	No

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March 05, 2015

Testimony to the Senate Water & Land Committee

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

10:00 am

State Capitol, Conference room 229

Re: GM 514 Consideration & confirmation as the Chairperson of Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Carleton Ching

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anthony B. Borge, I was born & raised on Maui and have lived most of my adult life here on Oahu. I have been registered voter since the age of 18 and continue to cast my vote at each election time.

I humbly ask for your **support and confirmation** of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, GM 514.

Carleton Ching is a homegrown, grass roots, local boy with island values. He is also a pragmatic individual with great business acumen which is exactly what is needed to be an effective Chair of the department.

Diverse views are needed when managing the State's valuable natural and cultural resources. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of State lands in commercial operations as well as weigh what uses could or should, be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not the highest and best use, but protecting and conserving our limited natural resources. He can definitely provide the needed balance.

Carleton Ching possesses the necessary skillset and knowledge that is required of the position. He is a product of the islands with well-nurtured island values with the necessary knowledge and "balance" to lead & Chair the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Please vote "yes" on GM 514 and support the confirmation of Carleton Ching.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony B. Borge

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Aria Juliet Castillo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ariane Woodward-Carter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I don't understand how someone appointed to run the DLNR and to make the best choices for our land/aina can come from a background of development. It would seem like the individual has a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arianna Feinberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senators, I strongly encourage you to OPPOSE the appointment of Carlton Ching as the Chairperson of the DLNR. On January 31st I had the opportunity to sit in with a group of environmentalist and Hawaiian cultural activist on Maui to listen to Mr. Ching and ask him questions in person. From this meeting, I confidently know that Mr. Ching is not qualified for this position. Mr. Ching did not understand the duties of the DLNR or the history and issues within the organization. His answers to specific questions were vague metaphors usually having to do with sports... He expressed multiple times that he wanted to "move the needle" but he also expressed that he did not know the current situation in the DLNR and what even needed improvement. He said "I don't know" far more times than he said anything of substance. Mr. Ching admitted that there was an immense amount that he would need to learn about the state's laws and the function of the DLNR. With Mr. Ching's base level of knowledge he would need to be an insane genius to get up to speed sufficiently. The Chairperson of the DLNR will be making incredibly important decisions that will affect the future of Hawaii's environmental and cultural resources. Although Mr. Ching may have a noble and pure heart, I do not think that Mr. Ching will be able to make the best decisions considering his lack of knowledge of the laws and history of Hawaii and basic resource management. We deserve a better-qualified Chairperson to ensure that the DLNR's large staff is properly managed and our cultural and ecological resources are preserved. Our environment is our economy. We need to strive for ecological balance in order to keep things beautiful, clean and alive for our visitors and ourselves. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. Please OPPOSE Carlton Ching's appointment. Mahalo, Arianna

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arika Murphy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We need to protect our 'aina! Only people who are to work for the people should be in any kind of office.

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Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:14:47 PM

Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arvid Tadao Youngquist	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Relating to GM 514 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018. Report Title: Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Sen. Laura H. Thielen, Chair, Senate WTL Committee Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Minority Leader, Sen. Sam Slom and Honorable WTL Committee Senators I am Arvid Tadao Youngquist and support the confirmation advice and consent for this measure: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018. Report Title: Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. It has been relayed to myself within the last week that several environmental activists and supporters were offered this position, but declined. I do not know who these individuals are. This is odd because apparently he overwhelming majority of the environmental community are opposed to this nomination, i.e. witness various StarAdvertiser letters as well as Editorial within the week. There was an interesting column today about how it would be interesting that a former Chairlady of the DLNR will be heading up the hearing and possible Senate vetting of he suitability of the nominee. The column also said that when Sen. Laura Thielen was interviewed there was no or little resistance. I would like to harken this situation to that of Mr. Young and Mr. Wilson, either for nomination or re-nomination. Even the former nominee, Mr. William Aila, Jr. faced a delayed reaction from the community in support getting his confirmation hearing near the end, practically after AG Louie and finally himself, despite the fact that Mr. Aila, Jr. possesses a four year degree in Agriculture and served as the Waianae Small Boat Harbor Master for many years, as well as the male SCC representative from the State Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, not to mention that he was a candidate for Governor of Hawaii in the Primary Election during the re-election campaign of Gov. Linda Lingle. Before I go on further, let me disclose a small apparent "conflict". I was for 3 months, an employee of Castle and Cooke Sep-Dec 1986 with a now defunct company called Hawaiian Plantations. This testimony is unsolicited and voluntary...and perhaps unwelcome to either the nominee or others. I can not recall ever being introduced to Mr. Carlton Ching. I would have preferred that not only did he take a leave of absence of four

years from Castle and Cooke, but had resigned. One question I would like the panel to ask the nominee is his experience at Boise as both an undergraduate, a resident, and as a football player. A character of the nominee is telling and more important than his personality which appears to a stranger as "forbidding". I understand that Mr. Ching has been in daily contact with DLNR on its day to day operations. It is hoped that Mr. Ching is a quick study on other subjects beyond Hawaiian Civil Club interest subjects. This is where his personal lifetime experience of 4 years in Boise might be quite beneficial if it was a positive experience. If it was not, one has to remember that the Chair of DLNR is not a position set aside specifically for a Kanaka Maoli, but as the State Motto points out, "The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness." And that righteousness is something that must be expected through how residents and testifiers as well as clients expect to be treated and are treated...hopefully, there is a continuous room for all improvements. Recommend that Mr. Carlton Ching be approved for Advise and Consent and presented to your colleagues in the full Senate for consideration. Mahalo nui loa, Arvid Tadao Youngquist Resident and Voter (Kalihi Valley, Liliha, Wahiawa, Makiki, Kaimuki, Downtown, University, Salt Lake and Kali-Palama)

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Aloha,

I am in opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR.

Mahalo,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). He is completely unqualified, and had demonstrated a severe misunderstanding of the basic principles of what the DLNR is responsible for

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Autumn Ness
Kihei, Maui

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
autumn ness	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose. Appointing him is a mockery of the DLNR's kuleana.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avi Okin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: For too long, developers have held sway on our lands and natural resources. Mr. Ching is a lobbyist for developer Castle and Cook. Therefore, I want his confirmation to the DLNR rejected.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, WE can and Must do better than appointing a developer to manage these sacred islands with limited natural and delicate natural resources. Appoint someone with experience in conservation, not development. This appointment has a very evident conflict of interest. No to Mr. Ching. Respectfully, Ms. Barbara Barry registered voter Kihei,Hi.

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Barbara Iannone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do NOT believe Carleton Ching is qualified for this position. BI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara L. George	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching is NOT qualified to lead DLNR Chair. His track record to date is a clear conflict of interest with the interests of HI's people and the Aina. OPPOSE!!!!

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Barbara Locricchio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We need a person unaffiliated with development to protect our historical lands

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Riley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to putting in anyone who is clearly tied to corporations such as Monsanto. This is a conflict of interest. I strongly oppose someone who has no experience in protecting lands and natural forests.

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Barrett Wolfe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe Carleton Ching is unqualified for the position. Experience as developer lobbyist does not prepare nor qualify him to properly be a steward of the land in Hawai'i. His background is a conflict of interest with the nominated position. I ask you please DO NOT confirm Carleton Ching as Director of DLNR. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barry Sato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Confirmation of Carleton Ching to head the DLNR sends the wrong message to our government leaders, that the trend of business interests infiltrating our governmental processes is acceptable, which it is not. We citizens are forced to fight back using alternative methods to retake our electoral and governing processes, which reflects on the sad state of our country and the state of Hawaii. We urge you not to confirm Mr. Ching. Thank you for your consideration.

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Ben Hambright	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe he is more in favor of development than he is interested in preserving natural landscapes and resources.

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Beppie Shapiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

MARCH 11, 2015, 10 A.M. ROOM 229

GM514, Confirmation of Carleton Ching
TESTIMONY of
Beppie J. Shapiro

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, Members of the Committee:

I am dismayed that this nomination is before your committee. I was born in Honolulu and have lived in Hawaii all my life. I have watched with increasing concern as budget cuts and sometimes a lack of political will at the County or State levels have eroded protections for our precious, irreplaceable aina. Our air, water, food supply and the invaluable beauty of our islands require the most stringent protection in the face of increasing population densities and global travel and business.

Mr. Ching has himself admitted he does not have the knowledge base from which to manage this critically placed agency, the DLNR and Water Commission. Let's take him at his word, as well as at our own appraisal of his resume and past advocacy: this is not the person to protect our natural resources.

I strongly urge you not to confirm Mr Ching for this position, and to ask Governor Ige for a more qualified appointee.

Beppie J. Shapiro

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bernard Berger	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I want a person to lead the land commission who is connected to the land. Ching does not meet that criteria

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Subject: Testimony for consideration of Carleton Ching, for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii
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To the Honorable Senator Laura Thielen, Chair of the Committee on Water and Land,
And to the Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

I would like for the Committee to strongly consider and approve the nomination of Carleton Ching for the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii. Although I have not had the opportunity to work with or against Mr. Ching, I have found him to be highly educated, knowledgeable in land matters, considerate of both sides of an issue(s), high moral integrity, and fair and honest.

I am also writing on behalf of Mr. Ching because I have become aware that many people oppose his nomination, and yet they do not know him, or his character. Although I do not know Governor Ige or Mr. McCartney, I have faith that they are seeking people for their cabinet, that will work for the best interest of the people of Hawaii.

Simple and short. That is all that I need to say on Mr. Ching's behalf. Thank you for this opportunity and your consideration.

Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BETH IRIKURA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Nominee Ching is unqualified and has a clear and overriding conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beth Webb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please find an alternative candidate who is not beholden to the tourism/construction/real estate interests and who is knowledgeable about protecting our aina

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Betsy Morrigan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not feel that Mr. Carleton Ching is qualified to lead the DLNR. He has not had the broad-based experience in natural resources management that the Chairman of the DLNR should have. I am strongly opposed to his nomination for this position.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Betty L. Bodlak	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching has a blatant conflict of interest in his current and past associations. We can take the Governor's word that he is a nice guy but that does not qualify him to protect our precious and limited land from further development. We trusted the previous administration r/t to the protections and we were duped; that cannot happen again.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bev Brody	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha! Thank you for allowing me to testify. I strongly oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR. He is unqualified and, clearly, has a conflict of interest. Please reconsider this appointment and say NO to Carleton Ching's nomination. Thank you.

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Beverley Brand	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Collins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm a Kauai registered voter, and I am strongly opposed to the Ching nomination. It's a huge conflict of interest. Please don't have the fox guard the henhouse.

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To whom it may concern, The appointment of Carleton Ching to the DNLR seems to be a conflict of interest. Surely the governor came come up with a far more qualified person. As a volunteer with NOAA and the monk seal program, finding people sympathetic to environmental issues is imperative to their proper management.

Respectively, William M. Provost , Hanalei, Hawaii



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Sager	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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The appointment of Carleton Ching to be the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is the most controversial in my memory.

I worked for DLNR for 20 years and have internet knowledge of many of the Directors who have been appointed to that position. Most of those appointees have had a business and real estate development background. A few have come from the agricultural community. Most did a poor job of managing DLNR. Professional resource managers have done their job within the constraints of the administrations they worked for not because of any leadership from their Director.

In that context, Mr. Ching is not an unusual appointee. I was privileged to talk at length with Mr. Ching. I believe he is a conscience and honorable man who wants to manage DLNR according to his view of the DLNR mandate. He says he will depend on the professional resource managers of DLNR for policy guidance. That is good, but the head of DLNR should have enough knowledge of natural resource management to be able to provide policy leadership to the Department.

I believe the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources should have at least a BS in one of the environmental sciences. The Director, at a minimum, should have a good understand of the public trust doctrine, of hydrology as it relates to water use and minimum stream flows, of the importance of our native ecosystems. In short, the Director of DLNR should have a background in natural resource management.

Mr. Ching does not have the background knowledge and experience to be the Director of DLNR.

I believe in basing my judgement on a persons past record and not on what they say. Mr. Ching says he will manage DLNR to provide the greatest long term benefit to the most people in the long run and that he respects the host culture. I believe him, but I worry about how he will interpret that mandate.

As VP for the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) and Board Member for the Building Industry Association (BIA) Mr. Ching serves in an influential leadership position in the effort to dismantle key elements now in place to protect public trust resources. The Director of DLNR should not be a man who has spent his life trying to dismantle the environmental regulation that have served us so well.

In summary, I believe the Governor has the right to appoint who he believes is the best person to help him carry out his job. I believe Governor Ige's appointment of Mr Ching to the Director of DLNR is a mistake. While he may be a better appointee than many of his predecessors, Mr Ching does not have the education or experience necessary to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: he is unqualified and has conflicts of interest

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blake McElheny	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha. Please oppose this nomination. This nomination is puzzling and inappropriate. Please protect the public interest. Thank you very much. Take care, Blake McElheny

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Bob Beaudry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob Brenner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not believe Carleton Ching is the right person for the job. He is unqualified and has conflicts of interest.

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Aloha - I am strongly opposed to the appointment of Carlton Ching to by Director of DLNR.

Even a cursory review of his resume is devoid of any reference to the environment and demonstrates his commitment to business and development. Mr. Ching's nomination calls into question the Governor's interest in the environment. If Mr. Ching is confirmed, it will be confirm the legislature's commitment to give Hawaii over to developers.

Respectfully,

Bob Kern
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
943 9241

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WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

March 4, 2015

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair, and Members
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Thielen and Members:

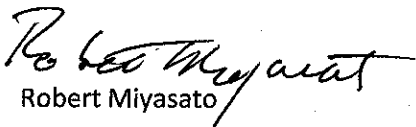
SUBJECT: Confirmation of Carleton Ching
Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Carleton professionally and personally since we worked at the Hawaii Housing Authority in the 1980s creating affordable housing opportunities for the people of Hawaii while preserving unique and sensitive environments such as Waiahole and Waikane Valleys. We have also served on non-profit boards and I recognize that Carleton is straight forward and forthright – he has no hidden agendas.

It is truly unfortunate that certain elements of the community have chosen to attack Carleton due to his background in development rather than taking the opportunity to get to know the man. Carleton is open, thoughtful, firmly grounded and level headed, with the street smarts to cut through the clutter. The quality that I have appreciated about Carleton above all is that he is absolutely honest and willing to put his cards on the table. While we have not always agreed on the approach to things, I have known his position, which provided the basis for reconciling differing perspectives – a great attribute.

I trust the Committee has the ability to look past the kneejerk reactions and innuendoes, recognizing that Governor Ige has carefully considered Carleton's credentials and character before making his nomination. The dubious allegations that Carleton would open the door for the pillage and plunder of State resources is absolutely ridiculous and quite offensive to those of us that truly know the good heart that guides this man. Thank you for this opportunity to support Carleton's confirmation. Aloha ~

Very truly yours,


Robert Miyasato

From: [Bob Ress](#)
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Subject: DLNR
Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 3:26:19 PM

It is incredulous that the Governor would nominate a "developer" to head DLNR.
Please exercise the public's trust in your oversight responsibilities and vote NO.
Protect Hawaii's land and natural resources.
Bob Ress
808-261-9438

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
bobbie becker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is not qualified to be the head of the DLNR. This is true based on his employment history and background. The Hawaiian islands are facing significant challenges at this time. Over-fishing due to a variety of commercial interests, loss of native species while invasive non-native species such as the little fire ant and coffee borer beetle are spreading rapidly, changing rainfall patterns due to climate change and ever increasing damage to our coral reefs demand that a highly qualified person with significant expertise be named to head the DLNR. Carleton is not qualified to head this agency.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobby-John Campbell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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February 18, 2015

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President,
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96814

Dear Senate President Mercado Kim and Members of the Senate,

I am a concerned citizen and registered voter writing in opposition to the nomination of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. DLNR is charged with protecting Hawaii's resources including water and land. They keep developers in check, prevent the draining of aquifers and protect our conservation land. Putting a developer in charge of DLNR is incompatible with its mission. Ching has no experience in running a state agency nor does he have experience in protecting the environment. I urge lawmakers not to confirm this extremely controversial and potentially disastrous nomination. Mahalo for putting the protection of our aina above all else.

Me ka oiaio,

Susan Kapulani Antonio

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie Marsh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not appoint Carleton Ching for he is unqualified for the job due to special interests. mahalo for taking my comment... Dr. Bonnie Marsh

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Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brad D Edwards	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not confirm Mr. Ching to be the head of the DLNR.

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Aloha Senators,

Please do not confirm Mr. Ching to be the head of the DLNR. We need somebody who has experience in the field to head such an important agency. He is not the best candidate for the position and is actually somebody who's background may harm his ability to fulfill the mission of the DLNR.

Mahalo,
Brad Edwards
Kihei, HI

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brant Hi`ikua Chillingworth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou, I oppose the nomination of Mr. Ching. Clearly, he doesn't have the management experience and skill sets in land/marine conservation and historic preservation necessary for the job. The potential conflicts of interest are totally inappropriate and problematic. BHC

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Brendan Stevens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Keep the Fox From the Hen House

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brennan Takayama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR. Please do not approve his nomination. Thank you.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Emmons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr Ching is not right for DLNR!

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March 9, 2015

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Fax: 587-7240

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-1-2018

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Mr. Ching is extremely intelligent and has the leadership and visionary skills required to lead the DLNR for the next four years. As he has reached out during the confirmation process, he has shown that he is a strong believer in community-based public policy and he will truly listen to all sides of an issue before making decisions. There are those in the community who oppose his confirmation only because he worked for a housing developer. That is simply not right. What we need in the Chairperson is a balanced leader who will look after the interests of all of the people of Hawaii. Mr Ching is superbly qualified for the many land and water policy issues that confront our State. His background and experience has proven that he is an excellent communicator, a team builder, and has the ability to lead large and complex organizations. He will be an excellent Chairperson.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Respectfully,



Brian J. Bowers
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Lehmann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Briana Hurley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou, Please do not confirm Carleton Ching for head of the DLNR. His background makes him biased and he is not interested in doing what is "right" for the county of Maui. I am strongly against his appointment, and will pay attention to how you handle this situation and remember it the next time your position comes to a vote. Mahalo, Briana Hurley

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BRICE CONQUEST	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching lacks the proper experience and background to protect our land and natural resources. I strongly oppose his nomination.

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March 3, 2015

Chair Laura Thielen,
Vice-Chair Brickwood Galuteria
And Members of the Water and Land Commission
State Capital
Honolulu, HI 96814

Re: GM514 – Letter in Support of the Confirmation of Nominee,
Carleton Ching, To Serve As Chairperson of the Department
of Land and Natural Resources

Hearing: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 10:00 AM, Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

We are writing this letter in strong support of the nomination of Carleton Ching to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We have had the privilege of knowing and working with Carleton for over 20 years.

Having over 30 years of experience in both the private and public sectors, Carleton brings a wealth of knowledge in land matters to serve the people of Hawaii if he is confirmed as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Carleton is sincerely committed to the mission of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and will protect the interest of the people of Hawaii as well as future generations.

Sincerely,



Bruce and Dianne Barrett
4152 Koko Drive
Honolulu, HI 96816

From: [Bruce Kim](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Your Support is Needed on GM 514, Confirmation Hearing for Carleton Ching
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 5:09:59 PM

Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kim
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KANE OHE, HI 96744

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce Watson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Will you let the fox guard the hen house?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryan Kuwada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I will keep this short, as the conflict of interest here is so obvious that I know that you will hear the same points made on numerous occasions by other people. Carleton Ching seems like he was very good at his job as a lobbyist for developers, but those connections and skills don't really carry over to running the DLNR. He lacks the requisite knowledge of the laws and regulations meant to protect our natural resources, and his history of trying to get those protections lessened really make his appointment suspect. Please withdraw his nomination on both moral and practical grounds.

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Bryce Boeder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Irresponsible choice by the governor. This is a conflict of interest nor is he qualified for this position.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a College Student, who is passionate about environmental issues.
Please do not confirm Carleton Ching who is unqualified and has conflicts of interest for this position

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Kauai Lucas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Although Mr. Carleton Ching is well acquainted the legislative process and understands how to develop land for residential and commercial uses, he does not have experience in natural resource management, environmental conservation, climate change mitigation or agriculture.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
CSpellman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching has not qualifications for this important job. Please Start thinking about the entire State of Hawaii versus just Corporate Interests. This man is clearly not appropriate for this position because you need somebody that is qualified and there are many individuals who do qualify. Please start thinking of the constituency not the good ole boys club! We better start thinking about Hawaii as a living breathing organism that is dying because of bad choices based on corporate payoffs. So be the change and give Hawaii a chance to heal by hiring somebody who will advocate the healing of the Aina not continuing to rape it or being a sell-out for corporate greed.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Calley ONeill	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please know we will all be watching this critical appointment very very closely....we trust you to choose someone of integrity, experience and passion for a healthy world.

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My family and I are shocked by Governor Ige's appoint of Carlton Ching to head the DLNR. We are stunned.

We live in the critical times where everything we think, say and do matters in creating a sustainable healthy future in Hawaii and around the world.

Please withdraw this thoughtless nomination, and choose someone with a tremendous wealth of experience, who has an equally tremendous passion for taking care of the aina.

This is such a tremendous disappointment in our new governor!!!!!!

Sincerely

The Calley O'Neill Ohana and Friends
(Lots and lots of friends who cannot take this time to write!)

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Camille Barnett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing to oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR. He is unqualified for this position and has a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carey Lillis Tinsley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do NOT appoint Mr. Ching to Department of Land and Natural Resources. His loyalties are not in alignment for that position. Please help uphold the true purpose of the Department of Land and Natural Resources which is to steward them responsibly. Thank You Sincerely, Carey Tinsley Kealia, Kauai

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/9/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl A. Carlson Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Carl A. Carlson, Jr.

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March 9, 2015

Honorable Senator Laura H. Thielen
Chair, Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Governor's Message 514, Nomination of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of
the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

This letter is written in support of the nomination of Carleton Ching to serve as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The Department has vast authority and oversees the management of an extensive amount of state land and facilities. Mr. Ching's experience is unique in that he has worked with land in both the government and private sectors. He understands how to work with the legislature and has management and policy development experience. Those experiences speak to his strength in people skills. Such skills are a much-needed attribute for someone in the role of Chairman of the DLNR.

Mr. Ching has extensive experience in real estate of all types. If confirmed, that background will prove to be very useful at the Department. Mr. Ching spent ten years with the Hawaii Housing Authority working on the development of affordable housing projects. The state has numerous projects of this nature in the works and having someone who understands how to utilize state property for the benefit of providing housing for its citizens is very important to the health of our community.

There has been extensive criticism of Mr. Ching in the press by various groups implying that he is not qualified. They say his business background would affect his leadership and that would somehow lead to decisions that would harm the environment. Such testimony is unfair as it assumes that Mr. Ching would not faithfully carryout state policy or to follow the mission of the Department. That

Chair Thielen
March 9, 2015
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criticism is truly a very narrow point of view and does not grant Mr. Ching the respect that he deserves. I believe that Mr. Ching does hold dear a love of the land, this state and understands the stewardship and leadership necessary to keep Hawaii the precious place we all believe it to be.

It is a real pleasure for me to see that the Governor has recognized the integrity and ability shown by Mr. Ching by nominating him to serve the State in such an important manner. I am pleased to have the occasion to write this letter in support of that nomination. The State will be well served if he is confirmed and afforded the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl A. Carlson, Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

Carl A. Carlson, Jr.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl C. Christensen	Individual	Oppose	No

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TO: Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Carl C. Christensen, Ph.D., J.D.
carlcc@hawaii.rr.com

HEARING: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Conference Room 229

SUBJECT: Testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to GM 514, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee Carleton Ching, for a term to expire 12-31-2018

I am Dr. Carl C. Christensen and am testifying in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the nomination of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I am a research zoologist specializing in the fast-disappearing native land snails of the Hawaiian Islands and other Pacific islands. In that capacity, I sometimes serve as a subcontractor to archaeological consulting firms in the performance of zooarchaeological analysis of nonmarine mollusks obtained in the course of mitigation efforts undertaken pursuant to Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Hawaii's historical preservation law. Furthermore, for several years I taught a course in Historic Preservation Law in my former position as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at the William H. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

As Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), Mr. Ching would be tasked with managing the bulk of Hawaii's public lands and with enforcing Hawaii's land use and historic preservation laws. As Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resources Management he would be tasked with allocating Hawaii's limited water resources and balancing the need to protect instream flows necessary to the preservation of Hawaii's endemic stream fauna against the interests of economically powerful extractive users.

Mr. Ching has a long history of working in the development industry. He has **NO** substantial experience in the management of natural resources or in the protection of natural or cultural resources. He has **NO** experience in the management of any business entity of a scale comparable to DLNR. His **ONLY** volunteer activities relating to the responsibilities of DLNR are as an officer and/or director of the Building Industry Association—Hawaii (BIA) and the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF), the two lobbying organizations at the forefront of efforts to weaken Hawaii's land use and historic preservation laws. The hostile tone of this opposition is exemplified by the logo BIA has used in its campaign against Hawaii's historic preservation laws and the work of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), a division of the Department of

Land and Natural Resources which Mr. Ching has been nominated to head.



While Mr. Ching's employment in the development industry may not by itself be disqualifying, his record of long-standing support of lobbying organizations fundamentally opposed to much of the mission of the department he has been nominated to head makes it impossible to believe that he could distance himself from the anti-regulatory positions he has supported, no doubt sincerely, through his affiliation with those organizations.

Mr. Ching is obviously a very capable individual well-qualified to advance the interests of the development community of which he has been a part, and there are undoubtedly positions within State government where his services would be valuable to the public. But he is most definitely NOT the right person to protect our cultural and natural resources as Director of the Department of Land of Natural Resources and Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Commission on Water Resources Management. Please reject this ill-advised nomination.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Campagna	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I believe the concern is not with Mr. Ching's ability to do the job, but more with his past employment and relationships and, perhaps more importantly, his future jobs beyond the DLNR position. How will his decision making for or against development be affected by his interests in whatever job he wants after his DLNR term ends? Perhaps this is an unresolvable concern at this time and only time will tell...but what is the risk and what is at stake in that time? I am confident that Hawaii's best interests will be served. Mahalo for the consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Imparato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I urge you to reject the nomination of Carleton Ching to head the DLNR. He is not qualified: it would be completely wrong to allow a career lobbyist for the development industry to head the department whose core responsibility is to protect and preserve Hawaii's natural resources.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not confirm Carleton Ching for appointed position. We need someone with a past history of commitment and experience in the field of conservation not a commercial developer.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Vasconcellos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified to be head of DLNR. His history as a lobbyist for Castle and Cooke's developments put him in conflict with the mission of the DLNR to "enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources." Mr Ching seems to feel that the value of development for the developers and the economy are worthwhile exchanges for enhancing, protecting, conserving our ever too finite land. Bill Ailia did an excellent job and should be considered as a far better head. Please vote against Mr. Ching's nomination. Mahalo

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Carlton York	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: strong opposition to C.Chings nomination , His qualifications come up short and his past work shows a significant conflict of interest .

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Carly Quisenberry	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha-

It is time to wake up and take back your integrity. As Hawaii residents, we are to respect the Hawaiian values that we were taught as Keiki, not the values of private interest. Do not be a pawn. The nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR is baffling and so wrong. Think of your kupuna...would they be proud of you?

Please, you were chosen to lead this community. Please do so.

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Carmela Noneza	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR will be hazardous to the short- and long-term health of the islands and inhabitants.

We can do better!!!

Many Mahalos,

Carmen Lyman, Kauai resident 

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Jackson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I respectfully urge that Carleton Ching not be confirmed as the head of DLNR. I strongly believe he will not be a good or even a satisfactory leader to preserve our Hawaii aina. Mahalo, Carol Jackson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Murry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and has a clear conflict of interest. I strongly oppose.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Sappington	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm opposing on the sheer unqualified nature of this gentleman to run DNLR, and his complete lack of knowledge of the issues faced.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carolan cash	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE NOMINATION OF CARLTON CHING DUE TO HIS OBVIOUS CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

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I am opposed to the nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carole Madsen
Kilauea, HI

From: [Carolynn Bell-Tuttle](#)
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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 8:21:37 PM

Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Carolynn Bell-Tuttle
Honolulu, HI 96821

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn P. Machado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am absolutely OPPOSED to Carleton Ching being appointed to head DLNR. He is associated with a company that could use Carleton for their own Corporate Agenda. He is a developer. We need someone who is independent of such control.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. I respectfully disagree with the choice of the Honorable Governor for Director of DLNR. The State deserves a leader who can have Solomon-like wisdom over the stewardship of Hawaii's Land and Natural Resources. May Governor Ige keep his political campaign to listen to the community and withdraw this appointment. Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono. Thank You.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carrie Masoe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nomination of Carleton Ching to be the Chairperson of the DLNR

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Subject: In opposition to the appointment of Mr. Carlton Ching
Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 10:10:44 PM

I respectfully submit this testimony with strong opposition to the confirmation of Mr. Carleton Ching to Chairman of the Hawaii State Department of Land And Natural Resources. I believe that Mr. Ching's background and lack of experience is cause for rejection.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caterine Picardo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We need a Director of DLNR who has a proven record of fighting to protect an and preserve our natural and cultural resources, and it is knowledgeable of those topics. The nomination of Carleton Ching is not the adequate for the position. Mahalo, Caterine Picardo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Clement	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Mr. Ching's nomination because he is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Courtney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This candidate has no qualifications for this very important position in our state government. Our natural resources are under unprecedented pressures from human activities on land and sea. We need someone who is knowledgeable of the conditions and management actions needed to restore our natural resources.

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Cathy Granholm	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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I am writing in opposition to the appointment of a prominent land developer to head the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We need someone who appreciates the value of the plants and animals that depend on specific habitats for their survival. We do not need someone who has made a business of using that precious land to make money for himself. We need someone, also, who has actually spent time working to protect our natural resources, this man has absolutely no background in this field.

This is a very important issue to me, I volunteer with DOFAW and know the importance of the job that they do, working to save our endemic species for future generations.

From: [Cathy](#)
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Re: GM 514

Hearing: March 11, 2015

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Senators,

Having reviewed the mission and responsibilities of the Chair of DLNR, as well as read the resume of the nominee, I urge you to **REJECT** the appointment of Carleton Ching as he lacks the experience, knowledge and qualifications to be the leader of the DLNR.

The person leading such a large Department requires a broad knowledge of: Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, including rare and endangered species, habitats, watersheds, Hawaiian and historic sites, iwi kupuna and other burials, Native Hawaiian water rights, public shoreline access, mauka access, trails, outdoor recreation, boating, harbor s and marina management, reef and fishing regulation, hunting areas and regulations and other programs under the DLNR. The various programs under the large umbrella that is DLNR affect everyone, residents and visitors.

The DLNR mission: **"Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors."**

Mr. Ching lacks experience, knowledge or demonstrated interest in what makes Hawaii so unique and special. As important, he has no executive-management experience such as being the President of a large complex company with multiple departments, private or public.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy M. Lowder

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Chad Adolpho	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chad Morikawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching due to conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chai Blair-Stahn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR. I do not believe he will make decisions that are in the best interests of Hawai'i's natural environment or the future generations who will have to live with the decisions we make today. Please do not allow Ching to chair DLNR

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles K. Burrows	Individual	Support	No

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WTL- Water and Land Committee

February 10, 2015

Regarding the nomination of Carleton Ching for the chairmanship of the DLNR.

Aloha chair and members of the WTL,

I am Charles K. Burrows, a Hawaiian cultural naturalist as well as an environmentalist associated with the protection, conservation and restoration of the cultural and biological resources of the Kawainui/Hamakua wetlands in the ahupua'a of Kailua. As an individual but also worked with Hawaiian organizations and other community groups in Kailua on issues, educational and restoration projects in Kawainui Marsh, I with reservation support the nomination of Mr. Carleton Ching to be the chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa to be his First Deputy Director. I do realize that Mr. Ching has very little experience and qualification in dealing with the mandates of protecting and conserving Hawaii's ecological and cultural resources but I do believe with his skills and expertise in organizational and business management and working with staff and community leaders, he and his deputy would be able to fulfill the mission and objectives of the DLNR.

In a Hawaiian organizations' meeting with Mr. Ching and Mr. Kaluhiwa, I was impressed with their beliefs and determination to do what is pono for the DLNR mission and working with Hawaii's diverse community. If they are nominated and confirmed to these positions, I believe they would accept their staff's recommendation to support and implement the Kawainui-Hamakua Complex Master Plan. This is when they will be able to collaborate with the Hawaiian organizations to have a Hawaiian cultural presence in Kawainui Marsh and work with the other Kailua community groups to conserve and restore the cultural and ecological resources and sacred sites.

By doing this they will use and learn about the Kailua Ahupua'a as a model for protecting, conserving and restoring the cultural and natural resources in other ahupua'a in Hawaii.

I recommend that you consider their nomination to be the DLNR chair and first deputy.

Mahalo,

**Charles K. Burrows, Ed.D.
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles M. Kaaiai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe Mr. Ching is capable of being the Chairman of DLNR. In the past some the best DLNR Chairs have come from the private sector. Mr. Bill Paty being an example.

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Please oppose Mr. Ching's nomination to the DLNR. He is wrong for this position.

Mahalo,
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Kapaa, HI

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Charles Prentiss	Individual	Oppose	No

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TO: Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Charles Reppun
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HEARING: GM514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Conference Room 229

Senator Thielen,

If you have the time please go to the <http://ourchildrenstrust.org/state/hawaii> website and read the article by Kylie Wagner, a UH law school student, titled, In Common Law We Trust. I tried to forward it to you but failed. It has a good history of the public trust in general and Hawaii specifically.

I need to do more research on why the DoH has been the focus of climate change attention, but clearly DLNR has played a major role when it comes to public trust and water issues, and will be an even more important agency as we deal with the effects of climate change. For this reason, whoever leads the DLNR is critical. This person needs to be, first and foremost, an educator. DLNR is a huge agency with many responsibilities, and protection and management of our natural resources can only happen with public awareness and participation. The head of DLNR needs to have a natural resource background, hopefully even some science background, in order to understand all the issues, to learn more about the environment, and then to be able to explain those issues to others in and out of government, or to find the right person to do that education.

Our resources have been impacted greatly by the kind of economy we have--a growth economy. The construction industry and tourism are the main economic drivers. The definition of economic health is constant growth in the number of tourists, and a constant increase in construction, especially new housing starts. This is closely tied to fossil fuel use and climate change, and our nation's position as number one CO2 emitter. It is also related to the changing face of agriculture. The United States has been urbanizing land at the rate of 2 acres a minute, or 1 million acres a year, since the '70's. Can we keep this up? What about our natural resources?

We need to focus, especially at this moment in time, and especially for this job, on finding someone who understands how critical these complex issues are, and who can educate others.

Thank you,
Charles Reppun

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlie Osborn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to Carlton Ching's appointment to DLNR. DLNR has a major responsibility to protect the aina of Hawai'i. Developer mentality is to pave over/build over. It's all about money, not protecting. I'm sure you can find a more acceptable person for this position.

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I oppose the confirmation of Carleton Ching for Direct of the DLNR.

In my opinion and research, he is not the right person to support the mission statement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources: “Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii’s unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.”

Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chelsea malefyt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nomination of Carleton Ching to be the Chairperson of DLNR.

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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 5:13:05 AM

I strongly oppose confirmation of Carleton Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Working for land developers, Mr. Ching has actively worked to weaken regulations intended to protect the very land he would be asked to oversee in the public's trust as Director of DLNR. I fear he would be a disaster for those of us who wish to protect Hawaii's natural resources.

I join over twenty environmental groups in opposing the nomination of Mr. Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Among the groups are the Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Defend O'ahu Coalition, Earthjustice, Friends of Lana'i, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, Hawai'i's Thousand Friends, Hui Ho'omalu I Ka `Aina, `Ilio`ulaokalani Coalition, KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance, Kanehili Hui, Kupa`a No Lana'i, Life of the Land, LOST FISH Coalition, MANA (Movement for Aloha No Ka `Aina), Maui Tomorrow, O'ahu Chapter of Aha Moku Council, Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i, Puna Pono Alliance, Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, The Outdoor Circle, Wailua-Kapa`a Neighborhood Association and West Maui Preservation Association.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cheryl B. Ritter

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheryl Lansker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To Whom it May Concern: I am writing to oppose the nomination of Carlton Ching to chair the DLNR. Mr. Ching has actively pursued interests that conflict with those of "land and natural resources". Someone who holds better credentials than Mr. Ching may actually help preserve what's left of our public aina for future generations to enjoy. I do not have that confidence in Carlton Ching. Thank you. Respectfully, Cheryl Lansker Papa`ikou, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheryl O. Ho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is inevitable that Carleton Ching, as a former advocate for land development, would have a conflict of interest in many instances.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheryl Reeser	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing because I oppose Governor's Ige's nominee for the head of DLNR. I feel there are many people who are more qualified in the area of stuartship over Hawaii's land and natural resources than Carleton Ching. This position is too important to leave to someone who does not have strong experience and expertise in managing cultural and natural resources. Whether or not Mr. Ching has a good heart is irrelevant to this matter. In addition, his business experience can be put to better use in another position, not leader of DLNR. This is an area where money should not be the bottom line. Hawaii's land and natural resources are priceless. Mahalo, Cheryl Reeser 51-E Kealaloa Ave. Makawao, Maui, HI 96768

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THE APPOINTMENT! There has to be someone qualified and who understands our aina and host culture to be submitted instead.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching is not qualified for the position and has shown serious conflicts of interest with the stated mission of the DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chris evans	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is a very important position and I oppose this nomination because there is a huge conflict of interest and he does not have the sufficient qualifications. There are many other qualified candidates that would be much better suited to the position. Sincerely, Chris Evans

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Mentzel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, Carleton Ching is not qualified to oversee the burial councils, State Historical Preservation, Archeology, & Hawaiian lands. Thank you, Chris Mentzel

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I am writing in opposition of the nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR.

Mr. Ching's professional career has to a great extent been focused on actively working to eliminate or weaken regulations intended to protect all that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is supposed to manage and protect.

Also, as a Castle and Cooke lobbyist, VP for the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) and Board Member for the Building Industry Association (BIA) he serves in an influential leadership position in the effort to dismantle key elements now in place to protect public trust resources.

Mahalo,
Christina D Morgan

From: [Christina Gaines](#)
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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 7:09:02 AM

It is NOT appropriate to put a person as aligned with commercial interests as Carleton Ching in position to make decisions regarding the use of our Hawaiian Lands and Natural Resources. Where there is the appearance of impropriety there can be no good!

I oppose GM514.

Christina Gaines
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christina Jennings	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Conflict of interest to our natural resources

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Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 10:48:26 AM

Aloha

I am Christine Anne Cook, a registered voter in Kilauea on the island of Kaua'i. I have been a hula practitioner since my arrival in the islands in 1978. I am also an educator in public and private schools on my home island, thought the state and nationally in the fields of Hawaiian Studies and Arts education.

I join with over twenty environmental groups in opposing the nomination of Mr. Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I feel Hawai'i deserves a Director who is dedicated toward preserving our natural resources and protecting the public trust, not someone whose track record and career has been focused on promoting increased development and profits while weakening those public trust protections.

There are so many qualified people here in Hawai'i for this job. Please find someone whose life has been dedicated to protect the land and our natural resources, not some who, like Mr. Ching, has clearly shown his interest is in exploiting the land for economic gain.

Hawai'i and its citizens deserve good leadership. The power is in your hands. We elected you for good reasons. Please do not dissappoint us in this area of critical concern.

mahalo

Christine Anne (Mauli Ola) Cook

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christine Davis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a resident of Hana, HI I ask you consider someone with a better track record for malama 'aina and head the DLNR instead of Carlton Ching. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christine trecker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As legislator Josh Green so aptly put it, Carlton Ching is "a career lobbyist for the development industry who has a record of calling for the elimination of cultural and environmental protections." He should not be the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christine Weger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the confirmation because of the nominee's long representation of a developer. He also has declared publicly that there should be no oversight of developers.. Such an appointment would be a disgrace for our state and erode public trust in our government.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Dean	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I was deeply troubled by the nomination of Ching to head the DLNR. To tell you the truth, I was unsure of Ige's environmental stance because the Sierra Club did not back him or Abercrombie. I want my vote back. Just knowing that Ige thinks Ching would be a good choice for the protection of our Aina says all I need to know about how he views the protection of our rare and precious environment. Now I know that money is more important to Ige than life. It makes me sick that I voted for him. He better turn his disrespect for the land around or he's looking at a short term Governorship. Hawaii is the most endangered land on the planet. We need STRICT laws against development and exploitation of our limited natural beauty. You want to see the economy of Hawaii collapse, just keep ruining the environment by allowing more development of our fragile and breathtakingly beautiful scenery. You want to see glitzy luxury towers and ocean front homes packed together? Go to Miami. Look at any brochure, what do you see? The beauty of nature. That's why people come all the way out here. Destroy that for your own personal short term gain and live the rest of your life with suppressed guilt and shame eating your soul.

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Hello.

I support Carlton Ching for the position of DLNR Chairperson.

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher M Profio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching is unqualified for the position as Head of the DLNR and has a conflict of interest. His nomination should be rejected.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Renwick	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe Mr.CHING has a conflict of interest between his previous employment and the purpose of the DNLR. Preservation of our islands for the public good is NOT one of his interests.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Warren	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ching has been on record stating he does not know what DLNR does or what the position would entail. Hawaii's natural resources already receive far too little support on the national level and the state's resources are far too divided as it is. We need someone qualified who actually cares what happens to our natural and cultural resources in this position not someone who has spent a career lobbying for private land owners. This man is not only unqualified but has not demonstrated (or even said) that he cares what happens to our natural resources. This nomination is disgraceful and disrespectful to the people and non-human residents of this state.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I stand strongly against Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR, he is unqualified and has a conflict of interest. We as citizens will unite against this obvious and unjust nomination through all avenues. Thank You

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
clare loprinzi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is imperative that Ige Withdraw Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR. It is his job to do the right thing, when he ran for Governor he stated he would do that,that he would take care of the people.This is shameful to put in a biotech man to protect our natural resources. Nuff already

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clarence Ching	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching has demonstrated that he is excellent in the work that he has been engaged in in the past. However, I don't believe that he has the basic qualities necessary to do what is minimally necessary in the position in which he is being nominated - as I believe that is required to comply with all the requirements and standards of the so-called "state" Constitution. As a cultural and environmental Activist - I believe that a confirmation of Mr. Ching in this position will place a major conflict in the operation of the DLNR/BLNR that is most important.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clarice Schafer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: March 11, 2015. 10:00AM. Room 229 RE: Testimony of Clarice Schafer. In strong opposition to GM 514. Chair Thielen, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee, My name Clarice Schafer, and I am a graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. DLNR is responsible for the preserving and protecting the land and water, coastal areas and the mountains, historic and cultural sites, and the ecosystems that together makes Hawai'i a unique place to live and bring millions of tourists to Hawai'i each year. Carleton Ching is not qualified to be the director of DLNR. The agency does not need a development lobbyist who has a record of calling for the elimination of cultural and environmental protections in order to help with development profits. In addition, it would be a gross conflict of interest to have him serve as chair of DLNR when he works for Castle & Cooke, serves as a board member of the Building Industry Association and as Vice President of LURF. We need someone to Chair the DLNR who is qualified and who has a proven record of upholding the public interest and fighting to protect our land and natural resources, not a person who has spent their life working to pave over our 'aina. I humbly ask Governor Ige to reconsider his decision for the appointment of the DLNR director. I strongly oppose GM 514. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Carleton Ching is not qualified for this position.

Claudia Herfurt
Hanalei, 96714

From: [claudia.rice](#)
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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 12:07:52 AM

Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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claudia rice	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cleve Trevenen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I don't think Carlton Ching has the background or experience to lead the DNLR. His experience has been almost exclusively aligned with development interests. This is not the sort of nominee I want to see considered for the job.

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Colleen Haviland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe Carlton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Constance Keoahunui Uale Warrington	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Chair, Vice Chair, and the Committee on Water and Land:

I am writing to emphatically oppose the nomination of CARLETON CHING to chair the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I think Governor Ige is ill-advised at his nomination of Carleton Ching. It is the responsibility of this Committee to protect the interests of its citizens but more importantly the Water and Land that we all share in the public domain.

Based on Mr. Ching's affiliation, association, and position with the Land Use Research Foundation, it is clear that he will exercise the wrong type of "control over public lands, water resources, ocean waters...etc." A simple google search of Land Use Research Foundation gives you a clear and accurate picture of the tenets to which Mr. Ching currently honors. Putting Ching into the Chair for DLNR promotes further development. If he has worked to develop, develop, develop all these years, how will he be able to objectively look at ways at protecting Hawai'i's natural resources?

I am very disappointed that Governor Ige would nominate a person whose current position is to do the exact opposite of what the DLNR represents. Is he unaware of easy google searches where he can look people up and find out their background? Maybe Governor Ige is honoring commitments to people that supported his campaign because I see no logic in his nomination of Mr. Ching. From the idiotic implementation of The Rail by Mayor Caldwell to this ridiculous nomination, it is very apparent that the City & State are only supporting corporate interest. I cannot understand why or how this island can be sustainable if we continue to pave over agricultural land.

I visited the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) website. "LURF promotes the business interests of landowners and developers in Hawaii at the local, state, and federal levels of government. LURF seeks passage of legislation and policies that create a favorable business climate in which landowners, developers, and the business community can grow and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Hawaii." I take offense that lobbyist groups like LURF think they know what's best for me and mine. LURF clearly states that they are most concerned with the business interests of developers.

I think it is your committee's heavy responsibility to protect our land and promote sustainability. I do not believe, for one minute, that Mr. Ching will be able to separate his position with LURF from a possible position at DLNR. Please do the right thing by rejecting Governor Ige's nomination.

Mahalo Nui,

Coreen Williams

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Hauula, HI 96717

From: [Corey Asano](#)
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Subject: No to Carleton Ching
Date: Friday, March 06, 2015 6:38:22 PM

Aloha,

My name is Corey Asano, born and raised on the island of Oahu. I am 38 years old, a divorced father 2 wonder girls. I am of Hawaiian, Japanese, Italian, German descent.

Since I am unable to attend the confirmation hearing, I am writing today to let the Senators know that I strongly oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching to head the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

This is the most blatant example of corporations vying for control of government resources.

We live on a island with a limited amount of resources available. I want my family to be able to enjoy our island home as I have , growing up here.

As vice President of Castle & Cooke, Mr. Carleton Ching was directly involved in pushing for undersea cable, pushing for industrial wind mills on conservation land in Lanai, and for securing approval for Koa Ridge.

Nothing in his past qualifies him to head the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The greatest mistake with modern man is thinking that he can fix the world with technology. Now is the time to do what is right and say NO to Carleton Ching.

Mahalo,

Corey

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Corine Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE Governor Ige's Nomination of Carleton Ching to head the DLNR. He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest! Sincerely, Corine Chang, Hilo, Hawaii

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, Please find a director with a strong record of protection for our land and water. Unfortunately, Carlton Ching's record is the opposite. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Craig Carapelho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:
I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Carleton Ching to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Carleton Ching for nearly twenty years and can attest to the fact that he is a person of great integrity. Carleton offers a wealth of experience in land planning and related matters and he will serve the community well in the role of Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. All the best Craig Carapelho

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Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Craig F Threshie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the appointment of Carelton Ching due to his conflict of interest with the position as well as his lack of vision for the department, which makes him unqualified to serve the people, land and sea of Hawai'i.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Craig Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching has a clear conflict of interest and does not appear to be qualified for this position

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cristina Bacchilega	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please, do NOT confirm Carleton Ching, Castle & Cooke developer, as head the Hawaii Dept of Land and Natural Resources. This is blatant conflict of interest!

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Subject: Your Support is Needed on GM 514, Confirmation Hearing for Carleton Ching
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 12:49:57 PM

Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Curt Kiriu
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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Frith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My concerns center around Mr. Ching's former associations and career choices that pertain to the construction and real estate industries. I suggest that while he may have fine managerial skills, he has no background concerning the vast needs of thoughtfully preserving the land and natural resources that fall under the domain of the DLNR-and could conceivably harbor bias toward development for its own sake. The DLNR has a notorious reputation for being poorly administered, and needs a strong advocate for the natural resources that are dwindling. Mr. Ching has not shown to date that advocacy role and he would be ill prepared to assume it.

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/3/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Hathaway	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to head the DLNR because it seems to me a conflict of interests. Evaluating his past stance concerning the use of our Hawaiian land and natural historical resources, he lacks the values I deem necessary in a leader of this critical department. Thank you.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Rubinstein	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Dear Senators,

This appointment just cannot take place. I have met with Mr. Ching and he is a very nice man, but that is not enough for this position. He had no answers to questions, just to say it takes 'working with the team' And that I like a good chef he will bring recipes to the kitchen', neither of which satisfied my need to know where is he coming from and what is his agenda.

Now today find out that the land exchange between Dole Pineapple and Castle & Cook is imminent, only now not for OCCC, but directly for the TOD development and BINGO I get why he was nominated and IT'S NOT OK!!! This is exactly what I have feared and now it is confirmed. Let that be the only confirmation, Not This One.

Better to bring William Aila back. With a new administration he may be able to do his job with more integrity and be a better fit.

Mr Ching would be better at DHHL or handling affordable housing. You probably know but if you have not seen it, there is a petition with over 7000 signatures on it. The people of Hawaii Do Not Want This.

A developer with no background in conservation should not be appointed to run the only bit of Hawaii we seem to have left, The Public Lands.

PLEASE. I would come cry on your desks if you would let me.

Aloha, Cynthia Rubinstein

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DChang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This nominee has too many conflicts of interest to hold this position, and therefore is unqualified.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
D. Iacobucci	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To all Senators and Representatives, Please do NOT confirm Carleton Ching as Chairman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. It goes without saying that Hawaii is an amazing place. Approximately 60% to 70% of the state's economy is tourism. There is a large trend in tourism towards eco-tourism and this continues to grow every year. If we continue to build and pave the state over then why will people come to Hawaii to visit? Tourists come to Hawaii for its natural beauty. Hawaii will lose its charm and attraction if our state becomes nothing more than bland housing developments and high rises with 2nd & 3rd homes for people who don't live here. My job requires me to travel extensively in the U.S. and outside the U.S. I am repeatedly amazed at mankind's capacity to preserve natural beauty and completely destroy it. We need to be on the right side of preserving Hawaii's natural beauty. While working outside of Hawaii recently, I worked with someone who has also traveled the world extensively in the same profession. We talked about Hawaii at length and he stated that he has been to Hawaii many times. He is flat out shocked at how "run down" many of the beaches and/or beach parks are and more specifically the overall condition of the ocean in the immediate vicinity of Oahu. He compared Hawaii to other locations in the world that at one time were famous 1st class vacation destinations but today are known as 2nd class or worse. There have been numerous studies conducted on how the runoff from development contributes to the degradation of nearby oceans. With all of that being said why nominate someone who has a long professional career of continuous development. The state of Hawaii needs someone to be an unabashed advocate for Hawaii's Natural Resources and truly understands the pressure it is under. Please do not allow Carleton Ching to be nominated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
dale adams	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carlton Ching to head the DLNR. This position should be filled with a qualified candidate. One qualification that Mr. Ching is totally lacking in is "no conflict of interest". It is not proper to place a developer in charge of overseeing other developer while they are charged with the protection of the land.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale B. Bonar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The DLNR chair must have SOME environmental expertise. Ching has none. PLEASE do not confirm!

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Gardner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii's State Government has had enough embarrassments with overly close ties to developers and their lobbyists and subsequent "tainted" legislation. This is a classic case of putting the fox in the hen house. Mr. Ching's lack of experience in natural resources and the environment also should discredit him for this appointment. Better balance is a prerequisite for good local government and appointing Mr. Ching would clearly tip the scale in the wrong direction.

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/9/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is too much like 'the fox guarding the hen house' metaphor.
Absolutely not, no thank you. Ige might have secured his role as a 1 term governor,
do not follow his lead on this if you wish to remain credible as a lawmaker.

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Aloha, Water and Land staff,

Please see attached. Thank you very much!

Dana Gusman

March 8, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date/Location: Wednesday, March 11, 2015/CR 229

Re: GM514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee,
CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water
and Land:

We are pleased to **testify in support of GM514**, submitting for consideration
and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Carleton Ching.

I have known Carleton for over ten years and in all settings, he is well-respected
and highly esteemed. Carleton has the unique ability to bring people together, a true
collaborator, thanks to his easy demeanor and warm spirit. His breadth of knowledge,
management experience and wide-ranging background working in business and
government will benefit a Department as multifaceted and diverse as DLNR.

A local boy, through and through, Carleton will always have Hawaii's best
interests at heart. Thank you for the opportunity to support Governor's Message 514.

Very truly yours,

Dana Gusman
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Jones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This was the one arm of Hawaii government that ran smoothly, very little corruption, and with very little controversy because we trusted Chairman Aila for his honesty and ability to see both sides of issues. Culturally and economically. It's very worrisome to appoint a person with such a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Keawe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is UNQUALIFIED and has a CONFLICT of INTEREST. Please DO NOT elect him a the chair person of the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources.

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dana miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Not qualified for the position as well as a serious conflict of interest. I'm shocked his name is even being considered.

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